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Serial No. : 09/807,114
For : TRANSMITTING APPARATUS, TRANSMITTING AND
RECEIVING METHOD, RECORD MEDIUM, AND SIGNAL
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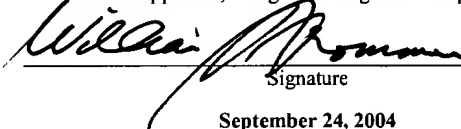
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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR
ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action which issued in the above-identified application
on August 24, 2004, requiring an election of species among those species identified by the
Examiner as follows:

Species I, Figs. 1-27; and

Species II, Figs. 28-55.

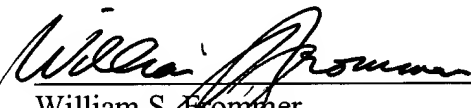
Applicants elect, without traverse, Species I, Figs. 1-27. It is respectfully submitted that the claims that are directed to the elected species are claims 1-21 and 38-44, 46-48 and 65-77.

Of the claims that read on the species elected herein, claims 1-6, 9-14, 21, 38-44, 46-48 and 65-77 are generic: they read on both of the species identified by the Examiner. Accordingly, if any of these generic claims eventually is allowed, it is recognized that the instant requirement for an election of species will be withdrawn; and all claims which include the limitations of the generic claims, irrespective of the particular species on which those claims read, likewise will be allowed.

Applicants reserves their right to file a divisional application, if necessary, so as to proceed with the examination of the non-elected claims.

An early examination on the merits of the claims of this application are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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